

Free Income Tax Prep

Event Title: Free Income Tax Prep

Date/Time: Tue, Feb 12th (All day)

Location: Miami Springs Senior Center, 343 Payne Drive



Once again, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will be offering **FREE TAX COUNSELING and PREPARATION ASSISTANCE** for 2012 tax returns to all Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens taxpayers. This service will be available, by appointment only, every Tuesday afternoon through April 9th at the City of Miami Springs Senior Center, located at 343 Payne Drive on Prince Field. Electronic filing will also be available on the premises.

For more than 15 years, these IRS trained and certified Tax-Aide Counselors have been assisting local residents with their returns and answering questions regarding special federal tax provisions for pensions, credit for the elderly or disabled, intangible taxes, and other important issues. Since 1968, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers have helped nearly 50 million taxpayers in every state and the District of Columbia. This program helps taxpayers have more discretionary income for everyday essentials, such as food and housing, by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive applicable tax credits and deductions, since tax laws change every year. In 2010, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide's 35,000 volunteers helped their clients receive \$1.2 billion in tax refunds and \$233 million in earned income tax credits. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in cooperation with the IRS.

Among the people for whom the AARP Foundation Tax Aides have prepared returns, nearly 80 percent have used it more than once, and 16 percent have used it for at least seven years.

If you are in need of this free service, call the Senior Center at 305.805.5160 to schedule your appointment as soon as possible. You must bring with you to your appointment the following documents:

- a copy of last year's income tax return and supporting documentation
- social security cards for all dependents.

Income

- W-2 and W-2p forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form showing the total Social Security benefits paid to you for the year, or Form RRB-1099, Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits
- 1099 forms reporting interest (1099-INT), dividends (1099-DIV), proceeds from sales (1099-B), as well as documentation showing the original purchase price of your sold assets
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity, especially if you had a portion withheld for income tax purposes

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- 1099-MISC form showing any miscellaneous income

Payments

You will need to bring all forms and canceled checks indicating federal income tax paid (including quarterly estimated tax payments).

Deductions

Most taxpayers have a choice of taking either a standard deduction or itemizing their deductions. If you have a substantial amount of deductions, you may want to itemize. You will need to bring the following information:

- 1098 form showing any home mortgage interest
- Receipts or canceled checks for medical/dental expenses (including doctor and hospital bills and medical insurance premiums), receipts for prescription medicines, costs of assisted living services and bills for home improvements, such as ramps and railings for people with disabilities
- Receipts for contributions to charity
- Receipts or canceled checks for all tax income and property taxes you paid, as well as records of tax refunds

Credits

- Dependent care provider information (name, employer ID or Social Security number)
- Receipts, canceled checks or 1099 forms related to continuing education

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